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LANSING, MI, October 25, 2005 – A new service of the Michigan Supreme Court and Michigan Court of Appeals delivers Supreme Court orders via e-mail to subscribers at no charge.

The Supreme Court and Court of Appeals already make their opinions available through a free e-mail service, noted Chief Justice Clifford W. Taylor. But Supreme Court orders are also of interest to lawyers, judges, and the public, he said.

Most appeals come to the Supreme Court on applications for leave to appeal, meaning that the Supreme Court must decide whether to take the case, Taylor explained.

"The Court's response to these applications has significance for the parties and can also have implications for Michigan attorneys," Taylor said. "For example, if the Court denies leave to appeal from a published decision of the Michigan Court of Appeals, lawyers know that the statements of law in that Court of Appeals decision will not be altered on a direct appeal to the Supreme Court."

Taylor praised the Clerk's Office of the Supreme Court, and information technology staff from both courts, for the new service.

"This service represents a joint effort by the Supreme Court Clerk's Office and information technology staff from the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals," he said. "Their collaboration has resulted in a very valuable service for the legal community and the public at large."

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